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Top secret US plan

Bob Overy reports: Photostat copies of what appears to be a Top Security plan for US special forces in Europe behind Soviet lines arrived at the offices of *Peace News* and the CND paper, *Sanity*, last week.

Mailed from Italy by someone with an illegible signature, a covering letter explains that the document was given to the sender by a Major-General in the German Secret Service who has since died.

"My friend was particularly concerned by the fact that the Americans could use atomic, chemical and biological weapons without prior consent of the US Congress or the President, since permission to use them follows automatically when these weapons are supplied to these special groups."

Sanity has splashed the story on its front page this week. We publish the relevant part of the document opposite. (COMSOTFE is Support Operations Task Force Europe: USINCEUR is US Command in Europe: UW is Unconventional Warfare: ADMs are Atomic Demolition Munitions.)

What this 33-page document purports to describe is a complete plan of operations for resistance behind enemy lines in the event of war in Europe. The scope of the plan is to include "Soviet, Soviet Satellite and Soviet-

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Annex J to COMSOTFE OPLAN NR 10-1
EMPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

weapons-trained liaison personnel and/or nuclear courier team as required for movement of ADMs from storage sites to departure points and from departure points to operational areas.

(c) Provides as required, appropriate temporary storage and security for ADMs at departure points.

(4) COMCIAEUR. Provides CIA support to COMSOTFE for the employment of ADMs in UW as directed by USCINCEUR.

2. (TS) MISSION. Employ ADMs in the conduct of unconventional warfare.

3. (TS) EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) Upon implementation of UW plans, UW forces will employ ADMs as directed by USCINCEUR. The utilization of ADMs provides as additional capability to execute assigned tasks and does not alter the basic concepts governing the conduct of UW.

(2) USCINCEUR/SACEUR provides to COMSOTFE a portion of the allocated nuclear weapons in the SACEUR reserve for unconventional warfare operations. When USCINCEUR directs the release of an ADM to COMSOTFE, the authority to employ is automatic.

(3) Specific targets for ADMs will be designated as the situation and operational requirements dictate. Priorities of targets for ADMs are as follows:

(a) Enemy nuclear delivery capability.

(b) Enemy transportation systems.

(c) Enemy communications systems.

(d) Enemy supply systems, facilities and structures.

(4) Deployed Special Forces Detachments perform target acquisition and submit target data and recommendations to the SFOB. When appropriate, this information with recommendations of the CO, 10th SFGA is relayed to COMSOTFE. COMSOTFE analyses target attack requests, effects necessary coordination. And, when appropriate, directs the employment of ADM(s).

(5) 10th SFGA courier personnel rig, with parachute rigger assistance, ADM for aerial delivery when infiltration is by air, infiltrate with components into designated operational area, accompany emplacement team to target site and assist in ADM emplacement and detonation. Courier personnel maintain capability of emergency destruction of ADM utilizing approved methods.

b. 10th SFGA.

(1) Plan for and conduct on order ADM operations, to include emplacement and detonation of weapon within UW operational area.

(2) Provide nuclear courier teams for delivery of ADM from departure point to UW operational area.

4. (U) LOGISTICS. Annex G.

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US guerrilla war plan for Eastern Europe

from front cover

occupied nations in USINCEUR's area".

Among the sixteen countries listed for special forces unconventional warfare operations are East Germany, Czechoslovakia, USSR, Austria, the Scandinavian countries, Italy, Turkey and Greece. "Certain UW areas have been selected in neutral and friendly countries to support initial repositioning of conventional forces from the general line now occupied by US or allied forces..."

COMSOTFE OPLAN NR 10-1 is mainly an outline of how to build up guerrilla warfare operations to harass the enemy from the rear, but it also assumes attempts to establish links and discover suitable areas for resistance "before the outbreak of hostilities".

The CIA has the task of developing and maintaining "appropriate UW assets", who furnish intelligence information; spot potential resistance leaders; on order, initiate organisation of local resistance movements or mechanisms, and so on.

Among "UW objectives" are to

"create and strengthen active and passive resistance to hostile authority"; "assist US sponsored indigenous leaders in establishing control over Soviet Bloc social and political structures"; "assist USINCEUR/SACEUR in the establishment of military governments in appropriate areas".

Indigenous UW elements will engage in sabotage, covert propaganda, infiltration of enemy installations, "planned civil disobedience or non-co-operation", and "formation of groups as action nuclei for future guerrilla organisations".

Following the outbreak of hostilities, special forces, assisted by UW assets, will be moved into UW operational areas and, in the process of influencing and guiding the operations of resistance groups, local commanders are given the automatic right to use nuclear or CBW weapons.

This, then, is the outline of the document which, if genuine, is certainly out of date now, since it is partly concerned with the transfer of special forces detachments from Berlin to Orleans and Fontainebleau in France—operational headquarters which will now have moved again with the removal of US troops from that country.

If the document is a forgery—maybe put out by the East Germans—it would obviously be designed to stir up controversy in the West about the battle-field use of nuclear weapons and to suggest that extensive CIA activities in Eastern Europe do threaten Soviet bloc security and even justify the invasion of Czechoslovakia.

But the document could be genuine, and be circulated by the East among Western peace groups for precisely the same reasons. *Sanity* contacts felt that the military jargon hit off Pentagon speech pretty well. The

Guardian was checking out this aspect as we went to press.

Both *Peace News* and *Sanity* are of course relying on the national press to discover if the document is genuine or not, but in the end it hardly matters whether it is or not, since if COMSOTFE OPLAN NR 10-1 is a fabrication, we can guess there is a document almost exactly like it which American brass-hats have had prepared and which they plan their war-games round.

Not only is the military machine out of democratic control, but its inhuman rationality functions like a cancer of the mind, impeding all hopeful social progress—West and East.

SPACE PROBLEMS

Stories held over this week include reports on the poisoning of the Rhine, persecution of Jehovah's Witnesses in Zambia, resistance in Greece, conferences on non-violence last weekend in London, James Haigh and the Ladywood by-election, Winston Branch's art show in the crypt of St Martin-in-the-Fields, and the Notting Hill exhibition on Freedom and Choice (see *Diary*).

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Anti-war GIs in Germany

News of what sounds like the first concerted GI anti-war demonstration in Europe has leaked out.

According to the *American Guardian* (June 14) early in June from 50 to 100 GIs held an "anti-war, anti-brass and anti-Nam" rally just outside their base in Kaiserslautern. Any further details will be appreciated.

France expels man who helped deserters

Kevin McGrath writes: It looks as though the new government in France may reverse the Gaullist policy of tolerating American deserters who seek asylum in France.

Following a melodramatic police kidnapping in the heart of Paris on Thursday, June 19, an Austrian who has been prominent in helping such deserters has been expelled to Corsica.

The man is Thomas Schwaetzer, who is 41, and has lived in France since the 1950s. He is married to a Frenchwoman. He has been active in the organisation, Friends of Resisters Inside the Army, and in the "underground railway" for GIs who desert in Germany and escape to France. There are now about 200 deserters living in France.

After the Paris American Committee to Stop-war (PACS) was banned by the French government last year, Thomas Schwaetzer—known in deserter circles as Mr Cook—had been under an expulsion order. This had later been rescinded.

A report in the *International Herald Tribune* of June 26 speculates that the police acted off their own bat in pulling in Mr Schwaetzer, taking advantage of the fact that, with the elections in full swing, there wasn't really any government.

This is given some plausibility by the fact that Mr Schwaetzer had in his possession at the time of his arrest a letter from Pompidou, talking about "the traditions of hospitality of our country".

Moreover, the circumstances of the arrest sound chillingly similar to the Ben Barka affair, when French police kidnapped the Moroccan leftist leader, and handed him over to his murderers.

In fact, as Mr Schwaetzer was dragged into a van on the Boulevard St Germain, he shouted that this was "Another Ben Barka affair".

As a result, passers-by were sceptical at the police story that this was just a routine arrest of "Monsieur Marcel, the pickpocket", and the story leaked out rather sooner than was probably intended.

When the police took their prisoner to Orly on Sunday, June 21, an Austrian Airlines pilot refused to take him on board a flight to Austria against his will. So instead the police put him on a flight to Ajaccio in Corsica.

Non-violence in South America

an address by
Monsieur Jean Goss (IFOR)

Friday, July 11, 5.30 pm (tea),
6 pm (meeting)

Quaker Meeting House,
52 St Martins Lane, London WC2
Enquiries: NPC, 29 Great James
Street, WC1.

Anti-war GI on trial for his opinions

A US Navy seaman, Roger Priest, is to be court-martialled for producing an anti-war magazine in his spare time.

The charge sheet, issued on June 20, takes more than four single-spaced typewritten sheets to cover all Roger Priest's misdeeds (e.g. he "did wrongfully use contemptuous words against the chairman of the Armed Services Committee to the House of Representatives").

Roger Priest, who is a Texan, upset the Navy in March, by advising his fellow sailors to make anti-war groups the beneficiaries of their GI life insurance. He issued the advice from an office in the Pentagon.

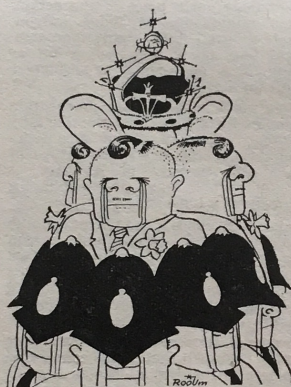
As soon as the papers latched onto the story, the Navy removed him from the Pentagon, but—wary of making a martyr in public—kept him in a Navy office in Washington.

Though Roger Priest was put under plainclothes surveillance, he carefully avoided doing anything to give the Navy an excuse for getting at him—apart from continuing to produce his magazine, *OM*. As a result, the Navy have been forced to fight him on his own chosen ground.

"What I'm hoping for right now is for lots of folks to write the Secretary of the Navy because this whole thing hinges on free speech, freedom of the press," he says.

"They're not talking about my military behaviour; they're not talk-

ing about what I do on the job as a sailor. They're talking about what I do in my own free time, outside of the Navy, in my own department with my friends—in other words my rights as an American citizen."



"The coronet designed by Mr Louis Osman is the first built specifically for someone whose ears are seen."
—Official press release.

Two jobs at Peace News

Two vacancies have recently occurred for editorial positions at Peace News. We wish to have them filled by the end of July.

FEATURES EDITOR

The first position is that of Features Editor. It demands someone with journalistic ability, willingness to work on own initiative, a sense of how non-violence can be usefully developed in this country, and a grasp of the best libertarian, radical and pacifist literature.

Applicants must be able to attend conferences, commission articles and book-reviews, write features and editorials. Their intellectual tastes should be catholic, and they must also be capable of operating in a free group with communal decision making. Wages on the Peace News scale. Married people, especially those with children, should think carefully before applying.

Apply in writing as soon as possible to the Editors, Peace News, 5 Caledonian Road, Kings Cross, London N1.

EDITORIAL SECRETARY

The second position is that of Editorial Secretary. This involves handling all the material that comes into the office—mail, periodicals, visitors, etc—and ensuring they arrive in the right place. In a co-operative office of five people, the job is especially important when there is no one person directly responsible for internal organisation and co-ordination.

Further responsibilities include seeing that letters get answered, filing, typing, telephone answering, etc. Wages as on the Peace News scale. Applications in writing as soon as possible to the Editors, Peace News, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1.